

REMARKS

Claims 55-60 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 55-57 and 59-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Berner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,813,913).

The invention as claimed herein includes an image signal generated in synchronization with a synchronization signal which is transmitted via synchronization signal transmission channel from other entertainment devices, the synchronization signal being a synchronization signal component contained in picture signals of other entertainment devices.

Berner only describes that the central computer system 11 collects and stores the score information from each of the control units 12. Further, there is no description as to synchronization signal components of the picture signals in the entire description of Berner.

Berner does not describe generating picture signals in synchronization with the synchronization signal which is a synchronization signal component contained in picture signals of the other devices.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 58 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Berner in view of Barker (U.S. Patent No. 5,538,255). Since this claim depends directly or indirectly from independent claims, it is submitted that they are patentable in view of the patentability of the independent claims as set forth above.

Dependent Claims

In view of the patentability of the underlying independent claims over Berner as set forth above, it is submitted that the claims depending therefrom are likewise patentable.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted in view of the above that there is no teaching or suggestion of applicant's invention as claimed in the claims submitted herewith, within the scope of the disclosure of the cited references, without extensive modification and the exercise of inventive talent.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and requests that it be passed to issue. If there are any issues which can be discussed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney at (310) 242-2732.

Respectfully submitted,

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